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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE
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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, PMIL, PINT

SUBJECT: FONMIN UMBA ON SHABA

1. UMBA EXPRESSED HIMSELF OPTIMISTICALLY IN PHONE CALL WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN MAURICE TEMPLESMAN MAY 15 FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH BELGIAN OFFICIALS ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT GET INTO SPECIFICS ON QUESTION OF BELGIAN ASSISTANCE. UMBA REFERRED IN THIS CONTEXT TO REPORTED TELEVISION STATEMENT BY SIMONET IN WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF GOZ REQUEST FOR SUPPORT.

2. IN SEPARATE TELEPHONE CALL MAY 15 TO AF/C DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANNON WALKER, UMBA SAID THAT AT BELGIAN BEHEST HE HAD CALLED KINSHASA AND IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ASCERTAINED THAT TWO FAZ BATAILLIONS FROM
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LUBUMBASHI WERE ALREADY ON THE ROAD MOVING TOWARD LIKASI AND KOLWEZI.

3. UMBA INDICATED THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAD LAID IN A CONSIDERABLE STOCK OF SOPHISTICATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN ANGOLA. HE SAID THE CURRENT PLAN OF REBEL ATTACK SUGGESTED THAT THEIR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE WAS TO GAIN CON-

TROL OF THE RAIL LINE FROM THE ANGOLAN BORDER AT DILOLO
TO THE HEART OF THE COPPER BELT.

4. IN REPLY TO UMBA QUESTION ABOUT THE US RESPONSE TO
ZAIRE'S SITUATION WALKER NOTED THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS HAD MET WITH THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSA-
DOR, KASANGO, EARLIER IN THE DAY FOR A REVIEW OF THE
SITUATION. WALKER ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOZ'S REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE HAD JUST ARRIVED AND THAT WE WOULD BE FOCUSS-
ING ON IT RIGHT AWAY AND BE BACK IN TOUCH. VANCE

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